

**Minutes of the University Senate Budget Policies Committee
Friday, February 26, 2010**

Present: J. Baker (Chair), K. Barlow (U. Times), S. Carr, J. Cassing, N. Galzener, R. Henderson (Health Sciences), C. Iwema, R. Pack (Office of Provost), A. Ramicone (Budget and Controller) M. Semcheski (Co-secretary), S. Skledar (Vice Chair), P. Wion (Co-secretary)

1. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of January 29 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. New Business

Cassing asked if the UPBC is meeting less frequently. Pack stated that the UPBC schedule has been the same for the last four years, and Baker stated that the existing schedule seems to be working well.

3. Chairs Report

Baker discussed the vote on the resolutions put to the Faculty Assembly by this committee. The first resolution passed without discussion. Wion gave an overview of the Faculty Assembly's lengthy discussion. The second resolution ultimately passed by a divided vote. Baker expressed frustration with the regional campuses over how this process ultimately worked and how long it took. The general consensus of the committee was that everyone had to move on.

4. Items for Discussion

The governor's proposed budget recommendations were discussed. Carr wondered if there would be increases in the cost of health insurance for the University, though that information was not available. There was also discussion of what would happen after the stimulus funds were gone, though there was nothing conclusive to discuss on that matter. Cassing asked whether the stimulus funds were part of a general pool of money in the budget. Ramicone stated that they were required to go to construction, jobs, or financial aid.

5. Old Business

Carr brought up the inclusion of the Greensburg list for faculty salary benchmarking as an appendix to the regional campus salary benchmarks. After short discussion, it was decided not to pursue this course of action.

Wion discussed adding the list of regional campuses to the annual salary report in some way.

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned about 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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